

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 339

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brother Jetta Forsythe of Mt. Zion Baptist Church on fifty years in ministry.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Brother Jetta Forsythe is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who celebrated fifty years in ministry on March 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Brother Forsythe accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the tender age of eleven while attending Falcon Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Jetta Forsythe was ordained as a deacon in 1965, and became an ordained minister on March 28, 1967, at Gravel Hill Baptist Church, where he served as pastor; and

WHEREAS, Brother Forsythe was called to preach at New Hope Baptist Church in Pocahontas and served at Lakeview Baptist Church in Selmer and Pleasant Site Baptist Church before moving to Florida in 1974 to attend Florida Baptist College; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Blue Mountain College in 1979, Brother Jetta Forsythe served as pastor at Second Baptist Church in Savannah for seven years; he stayed in Savannah for another seven years and served at Temple Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a 1959 graduate of Ramer High School, Brother Forsythe returned to McNairy County to pastor at Ramer Baptist Church; he currently serves as interim pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McNairy and has served as interim pastor for ten churches in the local area; and

WHEREAS, Brother Forsythe has been married to the love of his life, Robbie Forsythe, since July 30, 1959; they are the proud parents of three children: David Forsythe, Steve Forsythe, and Lisa Forsythe; and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his ministry, Brother Jetta Forsythe works for Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize this committed Christian leader for his service to his community and to the congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Brother Jetta Forsythe for fifty years of faithful ministry, commend him for his outstanding service as interim pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.